

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of managing a client profile, said method comprising:

automatically sending a client request to a computing device in an autonomic computing environment without intervention from a user, the client request including a request for master profile information;

receiving the master profile information from the computing device in the autonomic computing environment without informing the user, wherein the master profile information corresponds to a master profile and includes a master profile location; and

in response to receiving the master profile information from the computing device, automatically retrieving the master profile using the master profile location in the autonomic computing environment without intervention from the user; and

in response to retrieving the master profile, using the master profile for performing one or more computing tasks.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

matching the master profile information with an existing profile;

comparing a revision time of an existing profile with a revision time of the master profile;

determining whether to perform the retrieving based upon the ~~matching~~
~~comparing~~; and
performing the retrieving in response to the determination.

3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
~~determining whether to automatically retrieve the master profile;~~
~~retrieving the master profile in response to the determination;~~
detecting whether to notify ~~[[a]]~~ the user of the master file retrieval; and
notifying the user in response to the detecting.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the computing device is adapted to identify the master profile information using client properties included in the client request, wherein the client properties are selected from the group consisting of a client location and a user functionality description.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computing device is adapted to use authorization information included in the client request in order to determine whether to send the master profile information.
8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors; and

a client profile management tool for managing client profiles, the client profile management tool comprising software code effective to:

automatically send a client request to a computing device in an autonomic computing environment without intervention from a user, the client request including a request for master profile information;

receive the master profile information from the computing device in the autonomic computing environment without informing the user, wherein the master profile information corresponds to a master profile and includes a master profile location; ~~and~~

in response to receiving the master profile information from the computing device, automatically retrieve the master profile using the master profile location in the autonomic computing environment without intervention from the user; and

in response to retrieving the master profile, use the master profile for performing one or more computing tasks.

9. (Currently Amended) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the software code is further effective to:

~~match the master profile information with an existing profile that is located in one of the nonvolatile storage devices;~~

compare a revision time of an existing profile with a revision time of the master profile, the existing profile located in one of the nonvolatile storage devices;

determine whether to retrieve the master profile from one of the nonvolatile storage devices based upon the comparing matching; and

perform the retrieving from one of the nonvolatile storage devices in response to the determination.

10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the software code is further effective to:
- ~~determine whether to automatically retrieve the master profile from one of the nonvolatile storage devices;~~
- ~~retrieve the master profile from one of the nonvolatile storage devices in response to the determination;~~
- detect whether to notify ~~[[a]]~~ the user of the master profile file retrieval; and
- notify the user in response to the detecting.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 wherein the computing device is adapted to identify the master profile information using client properties included in the client request, wherein the client properties are selected from the group consisting of a client location and a user functionality description.
14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable media, the computer operable media containing instructions for execution by a computer, which, when executed by the computer, cause the computer to implement a method for managing a client profile, the method comprising: ~~A computer program product stored on a computer operable media for managing client profiles, said computer program product comprising software code effective to:~~

automatically sending ~~send~~ a client request to a computing device in an autonomic computing environment without intervention from a user, the client request including a request for master profile information;

receive ~~receiving~~ the master profile information from the computing device in the autonomic computing environment without informing the user, wherein the master profile information corresponds to a master profile and includes a master profile location; and

in response to receiving the master profile information from the computing device, automatically retrieving ~~retrieve~~ the master profile using the master profile location in the autonomic computing environment without intervention from the user; and

in response to retrieving the master profile, using the master profile for performing one or more computing tasks.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the method further comprises ~~including software code further effective to:~~
~~match the master profile information with an existing profile;~~
comparing a revision time of an existing profile with a revision time of the master profile;
determining ~~determine~~ whether to perform the retrieving based upon the comparing ~~matching~~; and
performing ~~perform~~ the retrieving in response to the determination.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the method further comprises ~~including software code further effective to:~~

~~determine whether to automatically retrieve the master profile;~~
~~retrieve the master profile in response to the determination;~~
~~detecting~~-detect whether to notify ~~[[a]]~~ the user of the master file retrieval; and
~~notifying~~-notify the user in response to the detecting.

18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein the computing device is adapted to identify the master profile information using client properties included in the client request, wherein the client properties are selected from the group consisting of a client location and a user functionality description.
20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the computing device is adapted to use authorization information included in the client request in order to determine whether to send the master profile information.
21. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein one of the computing tasks is printing to a printer, and wherein the master profile includes printing properties that correspond to the printer.
22. (New) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein one of the computing tasks is printing to a printer, and wherein the master profile includes printing properties that correspond to the printer.
23. (New) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein one of the computing tasks is printing to a printer, and wherein the master profile includes printing properties that correspond to the printer.